

A QUORUM HARD TO GET.

THE CONGRESSMEN RAPIDLY LEAVING FOR THEIR HOMES.

Virginia Representatives at the Capitol. Dismissal from the Census Bureau. Contest in Second (Va.) District.

TIMES BUREAU, RAFFRAY BUILDING, WASHINGTON, August 23, 1894.

For the first time since last Monday both houses of Congress were in session this morning, although it was evident that neither house could muster a quorum, nor could a quorum be found in the city at this time. The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate has not put himself to any great trouble to carry out the resolution of that body, which provided for "compelling the attendance of absent members," and those who have left the city will hardly return before the December session. In the House the unwieldy Democratic majority has quietly melted away, so that the President's return has been delayed a few days, when there would not have been a "corps of guard" in either house. There are now 79 patients receiving treatment at the hospital; 60 of them are from the Eastern States. Mr. J. Trice, the farmer at the hospital, has 10 acres of land in cultivation.

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MR. CLEVELAND'S RETURN.

The return of the President last night revived interest in the fate of the tariff bill, and it was generally expected that an adjournment would be set at rest before Saturday night. He has had many visitors since his arrival among them the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Ayres, and the Comptroller of the Currency, Mr. T. R. Maynard, who is said to have maintained a most discreet silence, and it is not believed that he has imparted any information to his friends.

The impression that he will veto the bill has about died out, and the present opinion is that it will come up either by reason of the constitutional lapse of time or his approval, which will be sent to the House accompanied by a message, which will squarely state his objections, to which the chamber will probably add its voice.

Mr. Cleveland and the country are expecting the latter course, there will not be much disappointment should the bill become a law in the next ten days. An adjournment would be preferable to the present suspense, and as Mr. Cleveland has been made aware of that by his advisers, it is believed that he will settle the matter before the week is out.

VIRGINIA CONGRESSMEN.

The Virginia congressmen who are in the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon districts, in view of their desire to traverse the Arlington reservation, have not yet passed the morning hours around the depots, but were able to accomplish but little, as few of the heads of the departments are here at present.

Samuel H. Hunt, who has been alternating between Cape May and the Senate Chamber during the frequent adjournments, arrived here last night, and was in his seat during the short morning session. As usual, he will be called upon to speak to a few days' needed rest at the Cape, where Mrs. Hunt and her sister, Miss Ware, are at present.

The bill granting permission to the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon districts to traverse the Arlington reservation, has not yet passed the Senate, but its friends hope to get it through as soon as a quorum is established.

The recent dismissals from the Census Office were a great hardship to those dismissed, many of whom were women, some the only dependence of helpless families, but those seem to have held it for as long a period of time as nearly completed. Those applying for reinstatement were informed this morning that it would be impossible to find work for them, as another discharge on the first of the month was inevitable.

THE SECOND DISTRICT CONTEST. The report here to-day that Portsmouth had selected delegates favoring the nomination of Hon. L. M. Maynard for Congress in the Second district, did not cause any apprehension among the friends of Hon. D. Gardner Tyler, for it is well understood that only a complimentary vote to Mr. Maynard commanded.

Mr. Maynard is very popular in Portsmouth, and it is natural that his people should desire to accord to their State representative the same courtesy, but neither that community nor Mr. Maynard himself would be unmindful of the very great service rendered the district by Mr. Tyler.

No member of Congress has labored more industriously for his constituents in this Congress than Mr. Tyler.

Mr. James L. Taliaferro, of Gloucester county, was in the city yesterday as representative of the Virginia Democratic congressional convention, having been named by the convention to officially notify Hon. W. A. Jones of his re-nomination in the First district. The proposal of Mr. Jones in the First, second and Fifty-third congresses insures his re-election to the Fifty-fourth, and as his Republican opponent is really a business man in Washington, there will be but little enthusiasm among the First district Republicans.

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MR. SWANSON RE-NOMINATED.

Fifth District Delegates Select Bill for a Second Term—Resolutions Adopted.

SAINTS, VA., via DANVILLE, VA., Aug. 23.—Special.—This town has been crowded to-day with enthusiastic Democrats, in attendance upon the Democratic congressional convention for the Fifth district, convened as follows: in order at 12:30, and P. V. Watson, of Henrico county, was made temporary chairman.

After recess the permanent organization was effected in the election of Colonel W. Saunders, of Franklin, as president; Colonel Saunders, on taking the chair, made a rousing Democratic speech. While the convention was waiting for the committee on credentials to come in, telegrams brought A. J. Moore, of Harrisonburg, and he made an earnest speech.

THE FREIGHTERS. The freighters submitted, through Mr. Frank S. Woodson, the chairman, a set of resolutions, which the convention endorsed with enthusiasm. The resolutions return the principles of Democracy, commend Mr. Cleveland and the cause of Representatives for their efforts to carry out the Chicago platform, which is heartily endorsed; rejoice over the passage of the tariff, as reducing the cost of living, and promise still greater reductions to the use of coin and gold as silver as the standard constitutional money metals of the country, and demand the immediate restoration of the coinage of silver at 16 cents as it existed prior to 1853, when silver dollars demonetized by the Republican party.

The efforts of Congressman Swanson to secure that repeal of the per cent. bank tax are popular and well received, and the action of the administration in purging the pension list and otherwise reducing expenses are applauded also; the House sugar bill is approved; the House tax relief bill is approved; the taxation, placing it on incomes of those who have grown rich through the vicious class legislation of the country, is heartily endorsed.

The resolutions in this measure, and the further reduction of the pension rolls, the Government's opportunity to time, raise sufficient revenue to permit the abolition of the tax on spirits and tobacco.

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Hon. Claude A. Swanson was, amid threats and menaces, remonstrated by a clamorous crowd, and made a rousing speech in accepting a nomination, after which the largest convention held in this district for many years adjourned.

STATE CENTRAL HOSPITAL.

Meeting of the Board of Directors—Festiv.

Petersburg, Va., Aug. 23.—Special.

The regular quarterly meeting of the board of directors of the State Central Hospital was held at that institution to-day, with the following members present: Robert Gilliam, of Petersburg; James McMillan Oldham, of Accomac county; J. Thomas, of Nelson county; Colonel R. D. James, of Goochland; Dr. L. M. Mason, of Louisa county, and Captain Shirley Harrison, of Prince George county. The only absent was Mr. R. B. Cook, of Norfolk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Virginia Baptist State Sunday School Convention (colored) is in session at the First Baptist church, corner Broad and Ninth streets. Session 9 A. M. to 3 P. M. and 8 to 10 P. M.

The convention closes Sunday evening at 10 P. M.

The City Street Test.

Rev. Dr. J. C. Hulen, of Grove Avenue, the Baptist church, preached this evening at the same place to a large audience. He will preach again at the same place to-morrow at 6 o'clock. The dedication service will be held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

KIRK'S "HOOTEN VERBEN LEAGUE."

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Aug. 23.—According to orders about three hundred followers of Reuben Kirk half of them colored, assembled at Sublett Hall, this city, to-day, for the purpose of organizing

Geography as a science was introduced into Europe by the Moors in 1222.

THE REFUGEES ARRESTED

GEN. EZRA AND THE SALVADORANS AN FUGITIVES IN CUSTODY.

Two Strangers Arrive from the East as Legal Representatives of the Refugees—Arrests Authorized.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Aug. 23.—Special.—United States Marshal Baldwin, accompanied by four deputies, Lieutenant Stoner, and Salvadoran Consul Calderon, left this morning on a tug for the cruiser Bennington, which has been lying off the Heads and beyond civil jurisdiction for many days, awaiting orders from Washington to enter this port. The Marshal carried warrants, issued by United States District Judge Morrow yesterday, for the arrest of the Salvadoran refugees. When the Bennington was reached Marshal Baldwin and his deputies hove him ashore from a merchant of Petersburg who had sold merchandise to some of the rebels, advanced of credit, asking that the board take steps to compel the said attendants to pay their private bills. The board decided to do so at once, with which they had nothing to do.

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MUCH SCRATCHING AT JEROME PARK—GOOD SPORT AT SARATOGA.

JEROME PARK, N. Y., Aug. 23.—As usual, the programme to-day was cut to ribbons with the blue pencil. The first five races were won by favorites, but the fields were small and all the other candidates were well-backed, so that the day was a mere farce one for the bookmakers. The most interesting event of the day was the perfect dead heat which was run in the fifth race between Albert A. and Midstar. In the run-off, Albert A. cut out his work until the last sixteen post was reached. Midstar, however, was held back by a length.

First race—for three-year-olds, selling mile and a furlong—Lichtfoot (6s),

Second race—for three-year-olds and upwards, selling mile and a furlong—

Third race—for three-year-olds and upwards, selling mile and a furlong—

Fourth race—for two-year-olds and upwards, the Titan course—Halton (13s)

Second race—for two-year-olds and upwards, selling mile and a furlong—

Third race—for two-year-olds and upwards, the Kite course—Dodgey (8s) to 5 to 6 Midstar won by a length. Time, 1:33.

First race—for three-year-olds and upwards, one mile and a sixteenth—Lehigh (10s)

Second race—for three-year-olds and upwards, the Kite course—Dodgey (10s)

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